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SUBJ: BARUNDI REFUGEES RWANDA: POSSIBLE EMERGENCY
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

AID FOR PHA/ FDRC

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1. UNHCR REP STANLEY WRIGHT INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 22
THAT MINISTER NATIONAL GUARD HABYALIMANA AND OTHER
RWANDAN MINISTERS HAVE EXPRESSED TO HIM DEEP
CONCERN THAT BARUNDI REFUGEES AT LILIMA CAMP MAY
ATTEMPT ANOTHER INCURSION INTO BURUNDI. HABYALIMANA
TOLD WRIGHT NATIONAL GUARD HAD DEPLOYED THREE
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COMPANIES AT LILIMA TO ATTEMPT PREVENT RENEWED ATTACK
BUT FEARED THIS FORCE MIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

2. HENCE GOR URGENTLY EXAMINING FEASIBILITY OF MOVING
ALL ADULT MALES (APPROX. 3000 PERSONS) FROM LILIMA CAMP,
WHICH CLOSE TO BURUNDI BORDER, TO NYAGATARE IN NORTHWEAST
RWANDA NEAR UGANDA BORDER. RELOCATION WOULD BE
TEMPORARY MEASURE WITH RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND
FAMILIES IN OTHER AREAS OF RWANDA TO BE LONG TERM GOAL.

3. WRIGHT SAID IMMEDIATE NEED IN EVENT OF RELOCATION
TO NYAGATARE WOULD BE FOR TENTS TO SHELTER APPROXIMATELY
3000 REFUGEES. HE INQUIRED WHETHER USG WOULD BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE TENTS ON SHORT NOTICE. WRIGHT SAID HE CONTACTING
HIS GENEVA HEADQUARTERS AND CICR RE OTHER NEEDED SUPPLIES.

4. EMBASSY INFORMED WRIGHT WE WOULD INQUIRE RE POSSI-
BILITIES. IF USG RESPONSE POSITIVE, WRIGHT WOULD
STIMULATE OFFICIAL GOR REQUEST FOR TENTS.

5. I HESITATE TO EXPLORE THIS WITH GOR OFFICIALS
THIS JUNCTURE IN ORDER NOT RAISE EXPECTATIONS WHICH
MIGHT BE DASHED. BUT IF MALE REFUGEES CANNOT OR WILL NOT
BE MOVED UNLESS SUCH TENTS ARE FURNISHED, AND AS THERE IS
NO OTHER APPARENT SOURCE FOR THEM, SEEMS TO EMBASSY USG
WOULD BE WELL ADVISED IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE MATERIAL IN
ORDER HELP DEFUSE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS RWANDA/ BURUNDI
CONFRONTATION. WILL BE RECALLED BURUNDI SHARPLY ACCUSED
GOR OF ASSISTING RECENT INCURSION AND CITED AS PROOF
RWANDAN BAD FAITH AND BELLICOSITY FACT BARUNDI REFUGEES
WERE HARBORED SO CLOSE TO BORDER.

6. PLEASE INFORM WHETHER DEPARTMENT SHARES OUR VIEW OF
IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING SUCH ASSISTANCE IF REQUESTED BY
GOR. AND IF SO PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER TENTS WOULD BE
READILY AVAILABLE FROM US SOURCES, WHETHER THEY COULD
BE QUICKLY SHIPPED BY COMMERICAL OR MILITARY AIR, THE
APPROXIMATE COST AND WHO WOULD PAY. IF OTHER FUNDS NOT
AVAILABLE, I WOULD BE PREPARED USE UP TO \$25,000 FOR THIS
PURPOSE FROM DISASTER RELIEF FUND AS PER 2 FAM 062.

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